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SUBJECT: MACAPAGAL WHEREABOUTS

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1. COLONEL PATTUGALAN, CHIEF OF STAFF, NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY AUTHORITY, ASKED EMBASSY OFFICER APRIL 3 IF WE KNEW WHEREABOUTS OF MACAPAGAL. OFFICER INDICATED WE DID NOT RPT NOT KNOW AND ADDED THAT MATTER CLOSED ISSUE AS FAR AS WE CONCERNED. PATTUGALAN SAID HE WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED SHOULD WE LEARN SOMETHING.

2. COMMENT: EVIDENTALLY NISA DOESN'T KNOW WHERE MACAPAGAL IS BUT WOULD LIKE TO. OR PERHAPS THAT IS WHAT WE ARE SUPPOSED TO CONCLUDE. IN ANY EVENT, DISAPPEARANCE OF MACAPAGAL WILL BE RICH SOURCE OF RUMORS AND ALLEGATIONS HERE, INCLUDING OF COURSE, THAT HE HAS BEEN SPIRITED OUT OF COUNTRY (PERHAPS ABOARD THE USS RANGER CONVENIENTLY ANCHORED IN MANILA BAY).

3. WE OF COURSE DO NOT RPT NOT KNOW WHERE MACAPAGAL IS AND WILL SO RESPOND RPT RESPOND, AND NO RPT NO MORE, PUBLICLY AND PRIVATELY.

4. IF DEPARTMENT HAS ANY PARTICULAR THOUGHTS THIS REGARD PLEASE ADVISE PRIOR EVENING APRIL 5 LOCAL WHEN I SHALL BE HOSTING SMALL DINNER FOR GENERAL VERNON A. WALTERS WITH NISA TYPES
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INCLUDING, POSSIBLY, PATTUGALAN AND HIS BOSS, GENERAL FABIEAN

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